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1. DCM DISCUSSED AID TO PORTUGAL WITH PETER TOWE, ASSISTANT UNDERSECRETARY OF EXTAFF, AND MADE POINTS CONTAINED PARA 9 REFTEL. TOWE STATED THAT HE WOULD CHAIR INTER-AGENCY MEETING ABOUT JUNE 1 TO DISCUSS WHAT GOC PARTICIPATION WOULD BE.
2. IF GOC DECIDES TO PARTICIPATE IN BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

SUPPORT PROGRAM, TOWE SAID, HE THOUGHT GOC WOULD WISH CONTRIBUTE "RESPECTABLE" AMOUNT AND DOLS 15 MILLION MIGHT DO THAT.

3. TOWE STATED THAT PROBLEM FOR GOC IN PARTICIPATING WAS THE FINDING OF FUNDS DURING PERIOD OF GOVERNMENT AUSTERITY. ALSO, AID TO PORTUGAL, HE SAID, DOES NOT HAVE

QUITE THE CONSTITUENCY IN CANADA THAT IT DOES IN U.S.

4. IN TOWE'S PERSONAL VIEW, GOC WILL ULTIMATELY DECIDE TO CONTRIBUTE, BUT THERE ARE SEVERAL BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS TO BE OVERCOME.

5. EMBOFF ALSO DISCUSSED MATTER WITH L. FRECHETTE, EXTAFF DESK OFFICER FOR PORTUGAL WHO HAD BEEN AT PARIS MEETING AND WHO HAD JUST RETURNED TO OTTAWA AFTER CONSULTATIONS IN LISBON AND MADRID. HER IMPRESSIONS OF PARIS MEETING WERE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS CONTAINED IN REFTEL.

6. FRECHETTE SAID SHE HAD BEEN ASKED TO PREPARE EXTAFF POSITION FOR UPCOMING INTRA-GOVERNMENTAL MEETING AND WAS IN MIDST OF DOING SO. SHE GAVE IMPRESSION THAT SHE PERSONALLY WAS SYMPATHETIC TO GOC PARTICIPATING IN AID FOR PORTUGAL, BUT SHE, OF COURSE, COULD GIVE NO ASSURANCE OF FINAL DECISION.

7. EXTAFF WOULD BE AIMING FOR POLICY DECISION BY END OF JUNE, FRECHETTE STATED, AND SHE PROMISED TO INFORM EMBOFF OF SUCH DECISION ASAP. ENDERS

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